

Bank, which recognized Hettinger's vision and planning in sustaining and revitalizing the local economy.

The people of Hettinger are enthusiastic about their community and the quality of life it offers. Hettinger has a wonderful centennial celebration planned that includes dances, a steak fry, a lumberjack show, a parade, a horseshoe tournament, class reunions, and a whisker growing contest. The week long celebration will definitely be one to remember.

Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Hettinger, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Hettinger and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Hettinger that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

Hettinger has a proud past and a bright future.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELLENDALE, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. From June 28 to July 1, the residents of Ellendale will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Ellendale is a community of about 1,550 on the border between North and South Dakota. It was founded in 1881 in anticipation of the Milwaukee Road Railroad. It was the first white settlement in the county and, as the first stop on the railroad in the region, it became a great distributing point for settlers' supplies. It was named in honor of the wife of Milwaukee Road Rail Road official S. S. Merrill.

Today, Ellendale is the county seat of Dickey County. It is also home to an Opera House which, at one time, was the largest between Minneapolis and Seattle. The Organization of the People in Ellendale for the Restoration of the Arts hopes to reopen the Opera House, which is currently undergoing restoration, so that it can, once again, have live productions. In addition, the Cole Memorial Museum hosts numerous artifacts and memorabilia showcasing the Ellendale area.

For those who call Ellendale home, it is a comfortable place to live, work, and play. The people of Ellendale are enthusiastic about their community and the quality of life it offers. Nearby Pheasant Lake offers a wealth of recreational opportunities from fishing to boating to camping. The community has a wonderful quasiquicentennial weekend planned that includes school reunions, a Walk of Fame inductee banquet, a golf tournament, and a Historical Pageant.

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ND, and its residents on their first 125 years and in wishing them well in the future. By honoring Ellendale and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Ellendale that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOWMAN, NORTH DAKOTA

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize a community in North Dakota that will be celebrating its 100th anniversary. From June 29–July 4, the residents of Bowman will gather to celebrate their community's history and founding.

Bowman is a quaint town of about 1,500 people nestled in the southwest corner of North Dakota. It was founded in 1907 and is named after William Bowman, the territorial legislator, after whom the county is also named.

Today, Bowman is the county seat of Bowman County. It is also home to the Pioneer Trails Regional Museum, which preserves the rich history of the community and surrounding area. Bowman lies in an area of the state that has a number of fossils that are millions of years old. In fact, within the last few years, paleontologists uncovered the fossils of a tyrannosaurus rex. Bowman also plays host to the Bowman County Fair, an annual day fair with live music, games, and other events that adults and children can enjoy.

For those who call Bowman home, it is a comfortable place to live, work, and play. The people of Bowman are enthusiastic about their community and the quality of life it offers. Bowman won the City of the Year 2006 award from the North Dakota League of Cities. The community has a wonderful centennial weekend planned that includes school reunions, a golf tournament, local musical entertainment, and much more.

Mr. President, I ask the U.S. Senate to join me in congratulating Bowman, ND, and its residents on their first 100 years and in wishing them well through the next century. By honoring Bowman and all the other historic small towns of North Dakota, we keep the great pioneering frontier spirit alive for future generations. It is places such as Bowman that have helped to shape this country into what it is today, which is why this fine community is deserving of our recognition.

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HONORING THE F.A. PEABODY COMPANY

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize a tremendous small business

from my home State of Maine that was recently designated as the 2007 Eastern Region Small Business of the Year by the United States Chamber of Commerce. Established in 1927 by Frank A. Peabody, the F.A. Peabody Company, based in Houlton, ME, has grown over the last 80 years to meet the insurance, investment, and real estate needs of Mainers. From the number of employees, to the number of locations, and even the services the company provides to the residents of northern Maine, F.A. Peabody's expansion has been a crowning achievement of small business in Aroostook County and, indeed, all of northern and eastern Maine. This award is a fitting recognition of F.A. Peabody's past accomplishments, and its continued superb work for Maine.

F.A. Peabody began as a property casualty insurance agency for Aroostook County, and grew to represent 20 insurance companies. As time progressed, the company expanded to meet other needs in the community, including investment management, real estate brokerage, and travel services. A truly diversified operation, F.A. Peabody has gone further in recent years by administering mortuary trusts and providing broadband internet to businesses and individuals from the counties of Maine's northern potato fields to its eastern shoreline. In light of a lack of broadband internet in Aroostook County earlier this decade, F.A. Peabody decided to take action and become a broadband internet service provider.

Collectively, F.A. Peabody employs over 70 people, and has a wellness program to award employees with bonuses and gifts. Chris and Bob Anderson, president and chief financial officer, respectively, of F.A. Peabody, carry on the company's commitment to Maine's positive, pro-growth small business community.

F.A. Peabody is truly a success story, and a bright example of what small businesses can accomplish with measured expansion and consistent determination. I congratulate F.A. Peabody on all of its accomplishments and, in particular, for garnering the attention of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This award is well-deserved, and I am confident that F.A. Peabody's strong, outstanding achievements will continue for years to come as a source of pride for all of Maine. I wish F.A. Peabody and its employees continued success.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1675. An act to suspend the requirement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding electronic filing of previous participation certificates and